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1. Bulgaria has recently received from the Soviet Union:

- a. Nine tugs, each with a 1,000 hp. Diesel motor
- b. Seven " " " an 800 hp. steam engine.

Additional tugs are now being made in Czechoslovakia, for Bulgarian account.

- 2. The USSR ordered the new tugs in Czechoslovakia, for Bulgaria. This is part of the work of the Council for Mutual Economic Aid, which links Bulgaria, as a satellite state of the USSR, with Czechoslovakia, as another satellite. The tugs came from the Skoda shipyards at Komarno. They are to be used both on the Danube and in the Black Sea.
- 3. The Czech shipyards are to be paid in oil from the Austrian wells of Zistendorf, which are still occupied by the Soviets.

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